

## INTENSIVE HORTICULTURE.

Personal Experience in Regard to High Fertilizing.

"Arlington," in Times-Union and Citizen.

We, in Florida, know really nothing as to intensive horticulture compared to some gardens around the great cities of the north who have to make their profits in six or eight months, while we have twelve. They practice gardening at a truly high pressure.

High culture is three-sided; it consists of good tillage, abundant fertilizing and judicious planning as to the succession of crops. Good tillage is not keeping down weeds; it is stirring the soil, deeply at first, shallow later on, and often, for the direct benefit of the crop. There is no fallacy so unfounded as that which uses the hoe only when weeds become conspicuous. Good tillage kills the weeds while they are still under the surface. I never knew a true market gardener who knew or cared much about weeds. In a certain garden of 100 acres I never saw a weed, unless it grew along a path or about a compost heap. I often think of weeds as a divine blessing to the shiftless farmer, to goad him to cultivate the crop; but to the wide awake market gardener weed is almost a meaningless expression.

Next to the care of the soil itself, the manure is the most important consideration to the trucker. He does not consider a good dressing of manure once in two or three years to be sufficient; that is not high culture. Every year almost, regardless of cost every acre must be heavily manured. For ordinary lands the gardeners about Boston use annually about ten cords of horse manure to the acre and its cost is seldom less than \$7 or \$8 per cord. The gardener usually has little faith in the value of manure the second year after it is applied. He applies it to his land in a thoroughly decomposed condition, and expects to reap his reward at once. For certain crops he even applies it twice a year. Even after several years of this excessive manuring, should a year be skipped, the crops will almost invariably fail to yield a profit.

Peter Henderson relates an apt illustration of this sort; it is not new to older readers, but may be to younger ones. A market gardener of twenty years' experience, and whose premises had always been a perfect model of productiveness, promised to run a street through his grounds. Thinking this land sufficiently rich to carry a crop of cabbage without manure, he gave it none. On either side of the street he applied guano at the rate of 1,200 pounds per acre. Upon the unfertilized part of the contiguous areas he planted early cabbages. From the fertilized ground his cabbages brought him \$1,400 per acre; from the unfertilized part, \$330 per acre—a loss of \$1,000 an acre.

Much has been said and written about the ultimate exhaustion of soils and the inevitable failure of agriculture. The famous market garden lands of Arlington, near Boston, were arid wastes when the British soldiers marched on Lexington—as poor as a Florida sandhill, and even fifty years ago they were called in derision Poverty Plains. Today they are among the richest lands I ever saw.

The successive cropping, the double cropping of lands are the distinctive features of intensive horticulture. The "multum in parvo," the even persistent cropping of every foot of ground in every available season, is the only method of realizing a profit from high-priced land. A good story is told of a shrewd gardener who hired a piece of land at a nominal price, allowing the owner the privilege of entering upon the land at any time by paying him the value of the crop upon it. The owner soon saw the increasing value of his land, but after watching it for several years he could not find a time when the crops upon the ground were not worth more than the ground itself; and he was finally obliged to sell to the tenant at a very low figure.

The secret of the success of these northern gardeners lies in the promptness and thoroughness with which every operation is conducted. Garden vegetables rarely bring what the general farmer would call a high price. They are articles of universal consumption and so cheap that every family in city and country can afford them. Most of them can be readily grown by any farmer on land ten times cheaper than the valuable acres in the vicinity of large cities. How, then, does the market gardener make his money? His secret lies in these two facts: He grows more vegetables to the acre than the general farmer, and he markets them in better season and in more attractive condition. The average farmer, with land worth only \$50 an acre, and manure costing a trifle, makes a bare margin from cabbage; but the expert gardener, on land worth \$1,000 an acre and with an outlay of \$75 or \$100 for manure, realizes a handsome profit.

### A Good Cough Medicine.

It speaks well for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy when druggists use it in their own families in preference to any other. "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the past five years with complete satisfaction to myself and customers," says Druggist J. Goldsmith, Van Etten, N. Y. "I have always used it in my own family both for ordinary coughs and colds and for the cough following la grippe, and find it very efficacious." For sale by B. R. Wilson & Son.

### New Freight Classification.

The new southern freight classification went into effect June 1st, superseding the classification made last winter, and which went into effect February 1st. The latter classification was made in uniformity with those made by the roads in the trunk line and western territory, and by which a large number of goods were raised from a lower to a higher grade, thus increasing freight rates considerably over what they had been before.

At that time protests were entered against these changes on the ground that they widened the difference in rates already existing in favor of the large shippers as against smaller ones. As a result, the trunk lines issued an amended classification, which remedied to some extent the causes of the complaint. The southern classification committee held a meeting to consider these protests, but the result was not acceptable to the shippers, as there were no general modifications made, the classification of February 1st remaining in effect without any material changes. The new classification which is now in effect is still less satisfactory to the shippers than the former one.

Mr. W. S. Whedon, cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, in a recent letter gives some experience with a carpenter in his employ, that will be of value to other mechanics. He says: "I had a carpenter working for me who was obliged to stop work for several days on account of being troubled with diarrhoea. I mentioned to him that I had been similarly troubled and that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy had cured me. He bought a bottle of it from the druggist here and informed me that one dose cured him, and he is again at his work. For sale by B. R. Wilson & Son.

### Mr. Flagler's New Residence.

Since Mr. Flagler has become a citizen of the state of Florida he has given some attention to plans for a pleasant winter home at Palm Beach. The plans for his new Palm Beach residence are now being completed, and to use the words of Mr. MacDonald, who will build it, "It will eclipse anything south of Washington." Shortly after Mr. Flagler's return from Havana last winter, Mr. MacDonald followed the "chief's" footsteps. He did not go to Cuba to look over a site for a new hotel, but to study the construction of a certain Spanish residence that Mr. Flagler had seen and admired. As an outcome Mr. Flagler's new Palm Beach residence will be purely Spanish, 172 feet front and 150 feet deep, two stories high, with a large and picturesque interior court. It will be located on the site known as Brelsford Point, being on the lake front directly to the right on crossing the lake bridge and entering the Royal Poinciana grounds. It is Mr. MacDonald's purpose to spare no trouble or expense in making of this another monument in architecture and construction to which he may be able to point with pride.

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### Florida's First Melon Shipment.

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### A Sprained Ankle Quickly Cured.

"At one time I suffered from a severe sprain of the ankle," says Geo. E. Cary, editor of the Guide, Washington, Va. "After using several well recommended medicines without success, I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and am pleased to say that relief came as soon as I began its use and a complete cure speedily followed. For sale by B. R. Wilson & Son.

### \$15,000 Donation to the Diocese.

Before he left Orlando, Mr. Leslie Pell-Clarke made a donation of his splendid residence, on Main street, to the southern diocese of Florida of the Episcopal church. The property originally cost about \$15,000, and is one of the most complete and attractive residence properties in the city. Bishop William Crane Gray has moved into the house, and took occasion on removal to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his entrance upon the ministry. It is understood that the house occupied by the bishop since he first settled in Orlando will be occupied as a school building.

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### SHILOH.

Water melons and musk melons are ripe.

Mr. M. Griffin has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Jerry Griffin, of Titusville, moved his family here Saturday.

Mr. T. C. Gaines left Monday for the north to spend the summer.

Mr. Glen Montgomery, of Oak Hill, was visiting friends here Sunday.

Mr. Ed Patillo arrived here Friday from Osteen, bringing with him his son, Herbert.

Conductor Rhodes and Albert Nolle, of Titusville, were pleasant visitors at the residence of Mr. Nolle Sunday.

A very large onion crop is being harvested. There will be about 1,000 bushels in the Shiloh and Clifton neighborhood.

A farewell party was given Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Kuhl in honor of the Misses Kuhl, who left Sunday for the north via Titusville.

The young people, with their hooks, lines and baskets, went down to the Hanover canal Saturday on a fish fry. Quite a number of fish were caught, and all report a very enjoyable time.

A through freight line has been established between New York by the Mallory line steamers to Key West, and schooner line from Key West to Punta Gorda, giving a weekly service.

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